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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FLUOR REFINERY COMPLEX

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1. PARA 3 REFTTEL INDICATED THAT THE PRC WOULD GIVE FLUOR FINAL DECISION ON THE HUGE REFINERY/PETRO-CHEMICAL PROJECT BY LATE NOVEMBER AT THE LATEST. ACCORDING TO HOOSE, CHINESE SIDE SAID THE DECISION WOULD BE POSITIVE IN ANY CASE BUT ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE TIED TO PRESIDENT'S VISIT WHICH CHINESE CLAIMED WOULD BEGIN NOVEMBER 4 OR 5. IF PRIOR TO VISIT US MADE SOME GESTURE WHICH PROPONENTS COULD POINT TO AS SIGN OF REAL IMPROVEMENT IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, THEN ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE MADE IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. IF US UNABLE TO DO OR SAY ANYTHING HELPFUL, THEN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE AFTER TRIP AS INDICATION OF VISIT'S SUCCESS. KINDS OF GESTURES HOOSE SAID CHINESE SAID THEY HAVE IN MIND WERE SUCH THINGS AS REMOVAL OF MORE US FORCES FROM TAIWAN, SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS PROBLEM AND, OF COURSE, BEST OF ALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

2. I WAS NONCOMMITTAL, AS I ALWAYS AM WITH HOOSE ON THIS KIND OF THING, BUT IT STRIKES ME AS PRETTY LOW LEVEL AND BLATANT STUFF PROBABLY EMANATING FROM THE HONG KONG FRONT-MEN SIDE OF THE CHINESE TEAM. HOWEVER, I AM REPORTING IT IN THIS FASHION BECAUSE HOOSE PLANS TO CALL ON GENERAL SCOWCROFT OF NSC AND BECAUSE DATE FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT GIVEN ABOVE IS
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IDENTICAL TO DATE RECENTLY TOLD TO OTHER AMERICANS BY OTHER

CHINESE CONNECTED WITH THE PRC. IF THIS IS ACCURATE AND
CHINESE ARE PASSING THE WORD THIS WAY, IT MIGHT BE OF POSSIBLE
IMPORTANCE TO WASHINGTON IN DETERMINING TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT
OF VISIT.
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